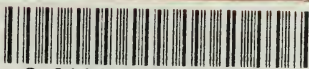


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SECTION I. HINTS TO SCRUTINEERS.

1. See that you have with you on polling day :—

(1) Written authority from the candidate to act as his Agent at the poll.

(2) A "Scrutineer's Sheet" or carefully prepared Voters' List, with notes for your guidance, showing each voter who is to be objected to or sworn, with reasons assigned; or who is nonresident, absent, or dead.

(3) And you may have also with you statutory declaration of secrecy already made before a Justice of the Peace. It is not absolutely necessary however, as it can be made at the time before the Deputy Returning Officer.

(4) If you have a vote, your certificate from the Returning Officer enabling you to vote at the polling place at which you are stationed.

2. And that you have carefully read over if possible :—"The Election Act of Ontario" with amendments made by 42 Vic. cap. 4. and 36 Vic. 2. A copy of these Acts for the scrutineer of each polling sub-division can be supplied by the candidate.

3. Be at the polling place, if at all possible, about eight a. m., and see that you have co-operating with you :—

(1) On the outside a person who knows the sub-division, furnished with a copy of the "Scrutineer's

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Sheet" or printed Voters' List, who should remain at the door of the polling room all day and erase on the list the names of each voter as he goes in to vote.

(2) A number of active workers outside under the control of the Sub-division Committee who are engaged in bringing up voters.

(3) If possible (though not absolutely necessary), it is better to have another agent with you inside who knows every voter on your list in order to avoid personation.

4. See that you have read carefully over and understand the Forms of Oaths given at the end of these Hints.

5. If possible, go over the canvass books and the Voters' List with the canvassers or committeemen in the sub-division a day or two beforehand, so as to be thoroughly conversant with the case of every individual voter:—especially with the case of each you are to object to and, in order to sustain your own voters at the poll, each of those likely to be objected to by the opposite party.

6. Poll as many votes, and especially as many doubtful votes, as possible, *early*.

7. Carefully scrutinize each voter as he enters the polling room, ascertain from your sheet whether he is friendly or not, or is a non-resident or absentee, or of the name of a voter reported deceased. In any case of doubt as to his identity with the person under whose name he proposes to vote, put the question, "Are you the same person named on this Voters' List?" In case of hesitation on the part of an unfriendly voter, require the Deputy Returning Officer to administer the oath. Check off on your sheet the persons who vote and specially note those who are sworn, or otherwise objected to.

8. See that the Deputy Returning Officer does not act ignorantly or capriciously, and keeps within the line of duty prescribed by law.

9. Never be afraid to swear hostile voters. When you believe that a voter should be sworn for any reason, insist on the oath being put. Every Conservative voter who votes elsewhere should

be sworn. So should any unfriendly alien if you have any doubts about his legal naturalization. So must every D. R. O., poll clerk or agent who votes under a certificate from the R. O.

10. *See that the Deputy Returning Officer puts his initials on the back of every ballot paper handed to a Liberal voter.*

11. Every person whose name appears on the Voters' List for each polling sub-division, and no other person, can vote.

(1) Except when any one declaring himself to be a qualified voter left off the Voters' List desires to vote. He may on being sworn tender a ballot which shall be placed in an envelope supplied for the purpose and be so placed in the ballot box at the close of the poll. But it shall not be counted with the others. (See Sect. 102.)

12. A voter who has destroyed his ballot paper is entitled to have another paper on delivering the paper destroyed. (37 Vic. cap. 9, sec. 54.)

13. In case an elector, in whose name another person has previously voted, desires to vote, he is entitled to receive a tendered ballot paper upon taking the required oath. But such ballot shall not be counted at close of poll. (See Sect 101.)

14. When the vote of a friendly voter is challenged all the voter has to do is to declare his name, surname and residence or occupation. Allow of no discussions, threats, suggestions or amplifications on the part of the Deputy Returning Officer or Conservative Scrutineer. All they can do is to swear him. (For Forms of Oath see at end of these instructions.)

15. No voter who has once refused the oath can be subsequently admitted to vote. (See Sect. 90.)

16. Where a Conservative voter gives a name which does not sound the same as that on the list of the D. R. O., insist on his being sworn; but where he is friendly, see that the vote is allowed when you know the vote to be a good one, and *on no account allow the vote of a friendly voter to be thrown out on account of the mis-spelling of the name, the wrong Christian name, or wrong designation. So long as he can swear that he is the person intended to be designated on the list, he can vote.*

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17. If a person named in the Voters' List has before polling day ceased to be the owner, tenant or occupant, he may still vote provided he is a resident of the electoral division. (See Form of Oath and section 7.)

18. Persons who are entitled to property in the right of their wives, or to an equitable interest in land, are entitled to vote.

19. When real property is owned or occupied jointly by two or more persons, all are entitled to vote if the property is of value sufficient to qualify each if it were equally divided between them.

20. When land is leased, both landlord and tenant are entitled to vote if in cities the property is assessed at \$400, in incorporations \$300, and in villages \$200. (See section 7.)

21. If a Conservative farmer's son is placed on the list *for another portion of the farm than that on which his father resides*, swear him. He has no vote. (See the oath.)

22. In cases of farmers' sons, if the father is dead and the mother the owner of the property, the son or sons have the right to vote.

23. Carefully scrutinize all Conservative votes which appear to be assessed on the same property. If two or three are down for the same property there is almost sure to be fraud, and unless it is *known* that they have a joint interest, swear them.

24. *In the event of a voter being wrongly described on the Voters' List (for instance if a farmer's son is described on the list as owner, tenant or occupant, or any one of those described as the other), he can select the form of oath which he prefers to take, and which meets his particular case.* (See section 91.)

25. Where you deem a friendly voter to be illiterate or unable to mark his ballot, see that the D. R. O. marks it in the presence of yourself and the other scrutineer. But the outside scrutineer should have thoroughly instructed such a friendly voter before he enters the booth.

26. If a voter has any doubt as to the validity of his vote, the matter should be thoroughly explained to him before he enters the booth.

27. On no account allow the Conservative Scrutineer to question a voter as to any supposed disability, or to have any conversation with him whatever. All the voter has to do is to declare his name, surname, and residence or occupation, and if the opposite Scrutineer is not content he can only have him sworn.

28. From the first, allow neither the Conservative Scrutineer or the D. R. O. to bully you or the Liberal voters, and stick to it until the last vote is polled.

29. You are required to be present at the close of the poll in the counting of the ballots, and to object to all hostile ballots which are improperly marked, or contain anything by which the voter can be identified. You should take full notes of all objections to the marking of any ballot. Section 105 requires that immediately after the close of the Poll the Deputy Returning Officer shall, *in the presence of* the Poll Clerk and Agents, open the ballot box and proceed to count the number of votes given for each Candidate. In doing so, he shall reject all ballot papers (1) which have not been supplied by him; (2) all on which votes are given to more candidates than are to be elected; (3) all on which there is any writing or mark by which the writer *could* be identified. After counting the votes, see that the D. R. O. makes a proper statement. Two Agents only can be at the counting. (See section 105.)

30. In counting the ballots, object to the counting of those which are against the Candidate upon which there is the slightest writing or mark whereby the voter could be identified.

31. When the ballots are counted, insist upon the D. R. O. giving you a certificate of the number of votes given for each Candidate, and of the rejected ballots. Keep a copy of all rejected ballots. (See section 108.)

TO THE OUTSIDE SCRUTINEERS.

32. Poll as many votes, and especially as many doubtful votes, as possible, *early*.

33. You should have at least three men helping you, who know where the voters reside. You should, along with the inside men, keep them posted as to who have not as yet voted.

34. *See that every friendly vote is polled before one o'clock in the day.*

35. Where you think a friendly voter does not know how to mark his ballot, explain it to him fully, and see that he understands it before he enters the polling booth.

36. Have a dozen voters at the polls before 9 a.m.

37. You should have a copy of the Scrutineer's Sheet or Voters' List, should carefully mark off each voter who enters to vote, and from time to time let all those who are bringing up voters know who are yet to be polled. You should also see that there is no *inactivity*, and that all workers and conveyances are kept moving. It is needless to add that you should know every man in the sub-division.

POLL EVERY POSSIBLE VOTE. THE LOSS OR GAIN OF A SINGLE VOTE IN EACH SUB-DIVISION MAY MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

SECTION II.—FORMS OF OATHS.

1. *Form of Oath of Person voting as Owner, Tenant or Occupant of Real Estate.*

You swear (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of _____ on the list of voters now shown to you. (2)
 That on the (3) _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred and _____ you were *and still are* (4) actually, truly, and in good faith possessed to your own use and benefit, as either owner, tenant or occupant, in your own right or in the right of your wife, of the real estate in respect of which your name is as aforesaid entered on the said list of voters, and are as such entitled to vote at this election; (4)

That you are of the full age of 21 years.

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith;

And that you have not directly, or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting, at this election:

So help you God.

(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm, then for "swear" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

(2) The Deputy Returning Officer should hereupon show the voters' list to the voter.

(3) The date to be here inserted in administering the oath is AT THE CHOICE OF THE VOTER, to be EITHER the day certified by the Clerk of the Municipality to be the date of the RETURN by the Assessor of the assessment roll upon which the voters' list used at the election is based; or the day so certified to be the date when by law the said roll was to be considered and taken as FINALLY REVISED.

(4) If the voter has ceased to be owner, tenant or occupant of the property, the words "*and still are*" should be omitted, but in that case there MUST be added at the end of this clause of the oath the following: "*and that you are still a resident of this electoral district.*"

NOTE.—In the oath administered to a Deputy Returning Officer, poll clerk or agent VOTING UPON A CERTIFICATE issued under sec. 87, for "*on the list of voters now shown to you,*" substitute "*on the list of voters for the municipality of _____,*" naming the municipality mentioned in the certificate.

2. Ordinary Form of Oath of Person voting in respect of Income.

You swear (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of _____ on the list of voters now shown to you ; (2)

That on the (3) _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred and _____ you were, and thenceforward have been continuously and still are a resident of this municipality ;

That at the said date, and for twelve months previously, you were in receipt of an income from your trade, office, calling, or profession, of a sum not less than four hundred dollars ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election ;

And that you have, prior to the thirty-first of December last past, duly paid all municipal taxes whatsoever assessed or rated against you in respect of the income, for and by reason of which you are rated and entered on the assessment roll, upon which the voters' list used at this election is based : So help you God.

(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm, then for "swear" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

(2) The Deputy Returning Officer should hereupon shew the voters' list to the voter.

(3) The date to be here inserted in administering the oath, is the date certified by the clerk of the municipality, to be the DATE OF THE FINAL REVISION and correction of the assessment roll, upon which the voters' list used at the election is based for the municipality.

NOTE.—In the oath administered to a Deputy Returning Officer, poll clerk or agent VOTING UPON A CERTIFICATE issued under Sec. 87 for "*on the list of voters now shewn to you*" substitute "*on the list of voters for the municipality of* _____ naming the municipality mentioned in the certificate.

3. Form of Oath for a Farmer's Son.

You swear (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of _____ on the list of voters now shown to you (2)

That on the (3) _____ day of _____ one thousand, eight hundred and _____, A. B. (4) was as you verily believe actually, truly, and in good faith possessed to his (5) own use and benefit as owner of the real estate in

respect of which your name is so as aforesaid entered on the said voters' list.
That you are a son (6) of the said *A.B.* ; (4).

That you resided on the said property for the twelve months, next before the return by the Assessor of the 'assessment roll, on which the voters' listed at this election is based, not having been absent during that period, except temporarily, and not more than four months in all ;

That you are still a resident of the electoral district and are entitled to vote at this election ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything nor has anything been promised you, either directly, or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or to prevent your loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not directly, or indirectly, paid or promised anything to or for any person, either to induce him to vote or to refrain from voting, at this election : So help you God.

1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm, then for "*swear*" substitute "*solemnly affirm.*"

2) The Deputy-Returning Officer should hereupon shew the voters' list to the voter.

3) The date to be here inserted in administering the oath is the day certified by the clerk of the Municipality to be the date of the RETURN by the Assessor of the assessment roll upon which the voters' list used at the election is based ;

4) The name of the voter's father or step-father or mother should be inserted here.

5) If the name of the voter's mother is inserted, then for "*his*" substitute "*her.*"

6) If the voter is voting as a "stepson," then for the word "son" substitute the word "stepson."

NOTE.—In the oath administered to Deputy-Returning Officer, poll-clerk, or agent, substituting UPON A CERTIFICATE issued under Sec. 87, for "*on the list of voters now shewn you,*" substitute "*on the list of voters for the municipality of _____,*" naming the municipality mentioned in the certificate.

Form of Oath of Person Voting in respect of Income where the Taxes relating thereto were made payable by instalments.

You *swear* (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of _____ on the list of voters now shewn you. (2)

That on the (3) _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred and _____ you were and thenceforward have been continuously, and still are, a resident of this municipality ;

That at the said date, and for twelve months previously, you were in receipt of an income from your trade, office, calling, or profession of a sum of not less than four hundred dollars ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not directly, or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting, at this election ;

And that you have duly paid every instalment of taxes whatsoever assessed or rated against you, which under the original by-law making the taxes for the said municipality for the present year, payable by instalments, and a copy of which by-law is now exhibited to you, had prior to the writ of election become due in respect of the income for or by reason of which you are rated and entered upon the assessment roll upon which the voters' list used at this election is based : So help you God.

(1) If the voter is a person who may by law affirm, then for "swear" substitute "solemnly affirm."

(2) The Deputy Returning Officer should hereupon shew the voters' list to the voter.

(3) The date to be here inserted in administering the oath is the day certified by the clerk of the municipality to be the DATE OF THE FINAL REVISION and correction of the assessment roll, upon which the voters' list used at the election is based for the municipality.

NOTE.—In the oath administered to a Deputy Returning Officer, poll clerk, or agent VOTING UPON A CERTIFICATE issued under sec. 87, for "on the list of voters now shewn to you" substitute "on the list of voters for the municipality of _____," naming the municipality mentioned in the certificate.

5. *Form of Oath to be taken by Voter on a Supplementary List of Voters, made where Additions have been made to a City, Town or Village, or a new Village has been Formed Composed of Territory Situated in two or more Electoral Districts.*

You swear (1) that you are the person named or purporting to be named by the name of _____ on the supplementary list of voters now shown unto you ; (2)

That on the (3) _____ day of _____ one thousand eight hundred and _____ and you were and still are (4) actually, truly and in good faith possessed to your own use and benefit as owner, tenant or occupant, in your own right or in the right of your wife, of the real estate in

spect of which your name is entered on the said supplementary list of voters, and are as such entitled to vote at this election ; (4)

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other services connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote, or to refrain from voting at this election : So help you God.

Form of Oath to be Taken by Voters in Certain Places where there are no Voters' Lists, and also in Algoma

You swear (1) that you are A. B. (2) ;

That you are actually, truly and in good faith (3) possessed to your own use as owner of real estate in this Electoral District of two hundred dollars or upwards.

That you have been such owner (4) for the six months next preceding this election, and are entitled to vote at this election ;

That you are of the full age of twenty-one years ;

That you are a subject of Her Majesty either by birth or by naturalization ;

That you have not voted before at this election, either at this or any other polling place ;

That you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised you, either directly or indirectly, either to induce you to vote at this election, or for loss of time, travelling expenses, hire of team, or any other service connected therewith ;

And that you have not, directly or indirectly, paid or promised anything to any person, either to induce him to vote or to refrain from voting at this election : So help you God.

7. (a.) *Form of Declaration of Inability to Read.*

I, A. B., of _____, being numbered _____ on the voters' list for Polling Subdivision No. _____, in the Electoral District of _____,

do hereby declare that I am unable to read (or that I am from physical incapacity unable to mark a ballot paper, as the case may be).

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, A. B., (His X Mark.)

Witness my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, A. D. 18 _____

7. (b). *Form of Attestation Clause to be Written upon or annexed to the Declaration of Inability to read.*

I, the undersigned, being the Deputy Returning Officer for Polling Subdivision No. _____ for the Electoral District of _____ do hereby certify that the above (or as the case may be) declaration, having been first read to the above named A. B., was signed by him in my presence with his mark.

Signed C. D.,
Deputy Returning Officer for Polling
Subdivision No. _____, in the Electoral
District of _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, A.D. 18 _____

8. *Form of Oath of Voter whose Name is not on the Voters' List.*

You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you believe that your name ought to have been entered upon the voters' list to be used for the Polling Subdivision of the Township (or as the case may be) of _____ in the Electoral District of _____, at the present Election, and that your name has been improperly omitted from such voters' list.

(Add the statements necessary for voter's oath in other cases.)

A. *Form of Statutory Declaration of Secrecy.*

I solemnly promise and declare that I will not at this election for the Electoral District of _____ (as the case may be) do anything forbidden by section one hundred and forty-six of "The Election Act of Ontario," which section has been read to me.

Signed _____ A. B.,
Returning Officer.
(or as the case may be.)

